

CITY OF ONTARIO

Agenda Report
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SECTION:
CONSENT CALENDAR

Department: Fire Department
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SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADDITION OF FIRE DEPARTMENT CLASSIFICATIONS TO THE CALIFORNIA FIRE AND RESCUE MUTUAL AID SYSTEM

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council adopt a Resolution approving additional Fire Department classifications to the terms and conditions for Fire Department responses to the California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System requests to assist State of California and Federal Fire agencies.

THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL GOALS ARE BEING ACHIEVED:

Pursue City's Goals and Objectives by Working with Other Governmental Agencies

Maintain the Current High Level of Public Safety

FISCAL IMPACT: Approval of the proposed Resolution will ensure the City's Fire Department recovers the maximum amount of reimbursable costs when assigned to emergency incidents through the mutual aid system.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS: The intent of the California Fire Assistance Agreement (CFAA) is to compensate California Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid System Agencies for the cost of assisting the State of California and Federal Agencies. In 2015, it was established that, to be reimbursed from the time of initial dispatch from their home base to the time of return to home base (portal-to-portal), a MOU/MOA, governing body Resolution or equivalent document must be on file with the Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Without this agreement, reimbursement would be for actual hours worked while on the incident.

Previously adopted Resolutions approved the following classifications as eligible for portal-to-portal reimbursement and to respond to out-of-jurisdiction incidents. In 2015, Resolution No. 2015-039 approved the positions of Fire Chief, Senior Deputy Chief, Deputy Fire Chief, Battalion Chief, Fire Captain, Fire Engineer, Firefighter and Nurse Administrator. In 2022, Resolution No. 2022-011 added the classifications of Fire Administrative Director, Emergency Manager, Fire Communications Manager, Fire Dispatch Supervisor, Senior Fire Dispatcher and Fire Dispatcher. In 2024, Resolution No. 2024-063 added the classifications of Administrative Officer, Senior Management Analyst, Management Analyst, Emergency Medical Services ("EMS") Director, and EMS Nurse. In 2025, Resolution No. 2025-033 added the classifications of Chief Deputy, Senior Administrative Assistant,

Administrative Assistant, Administrative Technician, Community Information Specialist, Community Information Supervisor, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Senior Public Safety Business Analyst.

The Fire Department is requesting to add the following classifications to be eligible for portal-to-portal reimbursement and to respond to out-of-jurisdiction incidents in various administrative and support roles: Departmental Administrator and Management Assistant.